

**Listing of the Claims:**

The following is a complete listing of all the claims in the application, with an indication of the status of each:

1. (Currently Amended) An image display apparatus comprising:
  2. an image display unit having an image display surface;
  3. an image forming unit for forming an image on said display surface by ejecting ink droplets toward said image display surface; and
  4. an image erasing unit for erasing the formed image,
  5. wherein ink holding regions for holding ink droplets impinged to the image display surface and an ink repelling region for holding no ink are formed on said image display surface includes, said at least one ink repelling region, said region formed of a material having a surface repellant to said ink, and a plurality of ink holding regions, to hold said ejected ink droplets, are regularly arranged according to a matrix-like pattern so that each of the ink holding regions region is surrounded by said ink repelling region.
1. 2. (Currently Amended) The image display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein each of said ink holding regions is formed by a material having a surface attractive to a region subjected to ink receptive treatment and said ink repelling region is a region subjected to ink repellent treatment.
1. 3. (Currently Amended) The image display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein at least one of said ink holding regions is dimensioned and arranged to hold holds one of said ink droplets droplet for image formation.
1. 4. (Currently Amended) The image display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein at least one of said ink holding regions is dimensioned and arranged to hold a plurality of said holds plural ink droplets for image formation.

1       5. (Currently Amended) The image display apparatus according to claim 1,  
2       wherein a plurality of adjacent ones at least one of said ink holding regions are  
3       dimensioned and arranged to collectively hold holds a part of one of said ink  
4       droplets droplet, whose remaining parts are held by adjacent ink holding  
5       regions, for image formation.

1       6. (New) The image display apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said  
2       image display surface includes a plurality of ink repelling regions, each of said  
3       plurality of ink repelling regions formed of a material having surface repellent  
4       to said ink, and a plurality of ink holding regions, to hold said ejected ink  
5       droplets, arranged according to matrix-like pattern so that each of the ink  
6       holding regions is surrounded by corresponding ones of said ink repelling  
7       regions.